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In re the Application of

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Appln. No.: 09/869,267 Examiner: P. Jones
Filed: June 27, 2001
For: COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND COMMUNICATION METHOD

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(e) (1)

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Dear Sir:

In fulfillment of 37 CFR 1.97(c) (1) and 1.97(e) (1), it is hereby certified that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication (see the attached copy of a Japanese Office Action dated December 26, 2006) from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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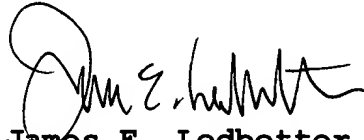
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. Attached is a Japanese Office Action dated December 26, 2006 with an English translation thereof.

Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106. Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and

appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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